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Letter dated 1 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of April 1996, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of resolution 5552 (CV), entitled "Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya", as adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States meeting in Cairo at its one hundred and fifth regular session on 21 March 1996.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 140, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad J. SAMHAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Resolution adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its one hundred and fifth regular session, held in Cairo on 21 March 1996

Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the subject, the most recent being resolution 5506 of 21 September 1995,

Expressing its grave concern at the human suffering and material damage sustained by the Libyan Arab people as a result of the coercive measures imposed on it under Security Council resolutions 748 (1992) and 883 (1993),

Regretting the persistence of the three Western States in refusing to respond to the efforts and endeavours aimed at reaching a settlement on the basis of the principles of international law and within a framework of mutual understanding and constructive dialogue,

Expressing its appreciation of the solidarity of the regional organizations, including the Organization of African Unity, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Group of 77, with the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in this crisis,

Reaffirming paragraph 163 of the final document of the Eleventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Colombia from 18 to 20 October 1995, and Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers resolution 23, adopted at its "Session of Peace, Solidarity and Tolerance" held at Conakry from 9 to 12 December 1995,

Having considered the outcome of the meeting of the Committee of Seven,

DECIDES

1. To reaffirm its previous resolutions concerning solidarity with the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and to support the efforts of the Jamahiriya to arrive at a peaceful solution of the crisis;

2. To adhere to the practical proposal contained in Council resolution 5373, adopted on 27 March 1994, that the two suspects, provided with the necessary guarantees, should be given a fair and impartial trial by Scottish judges in conformity with Scots law at the seat of the International Court of Justice at The Hague;

3. To express its regret with regard to the maintenance of the sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya despite the various efforts and initiatives of regional and international organizations directed towards finding a peaceful solution to the crisis, and to urge that those sanctions be lifted;

4. To support the right of the Jamahiriya to obtain appropriate compensation for the losses and material and human damage it is sustaining as a result of the implementation of Security Council resolutions 731 (1992), 748 (1992) and 883 (1993);

5. To invite the Arab Committee of Seven to redouble its efforts and to communicate with the parties with a view to reaching a peaceful and just solution to the crisis;

6. To request the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation of the present resolution.

Resolution 5552
One hundred and fifth regular session
Third meeting
21 March 1996